

33. (Amended) The oligonucleotide of claim 32, which is of a size sufficient to hybridize selectively to [the DNA sequence of any of claims 1 to 8] a nucleic acid whose DNA sequence is at least part of the DNA sequence provided in figure 6 or any DNA sequence homologous thereto under stringent hybridization conditions.

37. (Amended) A primer combination comprising a first oligonucleotide according to claim 35 and a second oligonucleotide [according to claim 36] corresponding to the sequence 5'-TAATCT-3'.

Claim 38, line 2, replace "any of claims 32-36" with --claim 32--.

Claim 40, line 2, replace "1-8," with --1,-- and thereafter delete remaining text in claim.

Claim 41, delete "or 2".

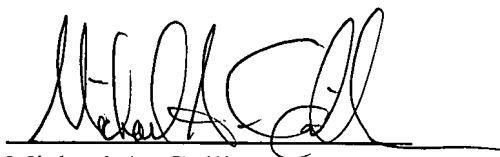
Claim 43, delete "or 2".

Remarks

The above amendments have been made to eliminate the multiple claim dependency.

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